



Is it possible for just a piece of paper to change your life?





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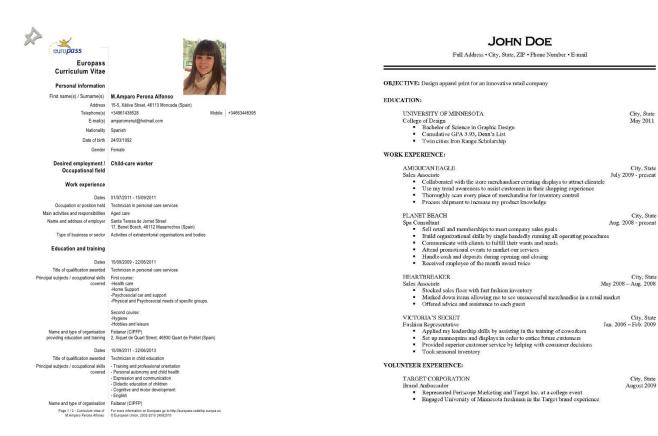








THIS IS REAL



...and it is happening 15 000 times per day... yet 95% of résumés are being rejected...



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July 2009 - present

What are you going to hear today:

- Myths, Mistakes & Rules of Résumés
- The Complete Résumé Dissection
- How to write a Cover Letter?



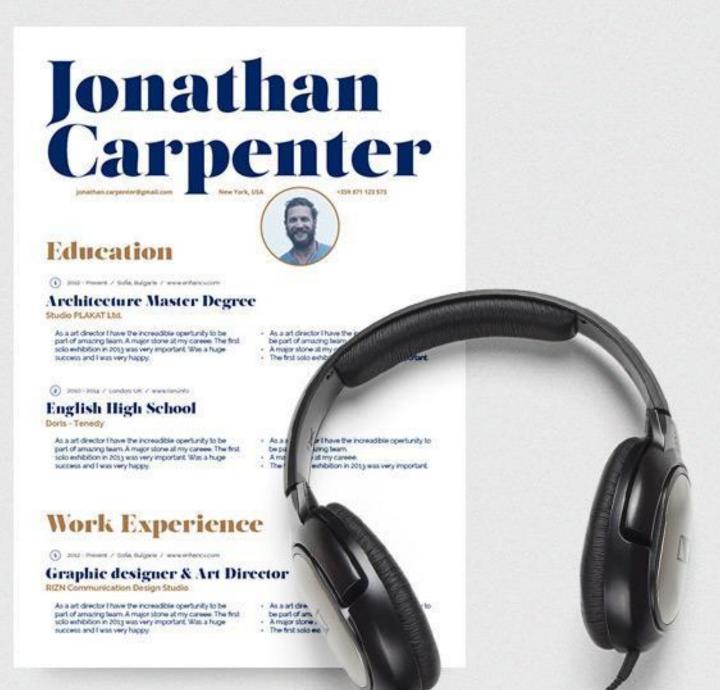








Myths, Mistakes & Rules



What does the word résumé really mean?

"A résumé is essentially a document that enables you to sell yourself to an employer in the best possible way."

Bing







The 10 myths of a résumé

- "There are certain rules and formats that you MUST follow"
- "The résumé is all about YOU and it is the ONLY way to apply for a job"
- "The résumé is the first step and you need only ONE résumé"
- "I don't have ANYTHING to write on my résumé"
- "The résumé should only CONTAIN personal info, paid experience, education, skills & languages"
- "Crafting a résumé is a FAST and EASY job"
- "I will send my résumé where EVERYONE else is sending it"
- "I will choose where to send my résumé based on the SALARY and REQUIREMENTS"
- "My résumé will be REVIEWED"
- "It's ALL about the résumé and a good one is ENOUGH"



Top 10 mistakes in résumés:

- Typos
- Lies
- Under or Overestimating yourself
- Stating only responsibilities and no accomplishments
- Not reading the requirements and more about the company
- Trying to put all of "your life" on it
- Formatting
- Experience is only a paid work experience
- Afraid to show your personality
- Not trying to see what the HR will understand from your résumé



The "Perfect Résumé" is:

Performance-based

"..focus on the specific results you've driven and provide tangible evidence of your skills and accomplishments" ~ Laszlo Bock VP People Operations Google

Human-centric

"How I Hire: Focus On Personality" ~ Richard Branson

Short & Concise

"If you cannot sell yourself in 2 pages, you won't be able to do so in 5, either."

Job-specific

"We don't believe in the "spray and pray" tactic – choose 2-3 companies and apply for them" ~ Enhancy

Natural Heatmap

"Make it easier for recruiters to spot the best match for the position without spending hours interviewing the wrong applicants"



How to craft my résumé?











Microsoft Word Crafting a plain & simple resume New Idea? Try it! 🙂 Resume building platforms

If you are focused on a particular job

Photoshop & Illustrator
Good for portfolios

Enhancv
Performance-based
& Human-centric

Never let someone else write your résumé – the employer will understand it, you will lose your confidence at the interview and most importantly, no one knows you better than yourself.





Personal Name

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- Pick one name and stick with it on all of your social media profiles, résumés and other documents
- Skip your middle name
- Be careful writing some of advanced degrees together with your name



Title

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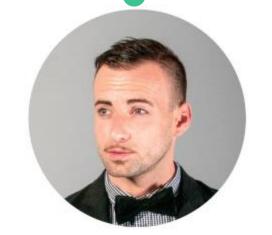
- Look at the résumé title from a recruiter's perspective
- What defines you as a professional?
- Don't state that you're looking for a job



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- "It's illegal to consider factors like age, race, gender, etc. in hiring decisions." ~US, but we live
 in visual and digital age now
- A picture is worth a thousand words, so be careful of its quality and professionalism



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- Your email should be with a well-known provider, containing your name initials
- Applying with you current work email is disrespectful
- Your university email is completely fine



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- Recruiters usually prefer to contact people by phone, then meet in person. So always provide your mobile number
- Provide a phone code before the number especially if you are applying in another country



Location

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- Exclude your home address no one is going to send you a letter
- Normally it is good to include only your city and country
- If you haven't still relocated near your desired employer add "Open to relocate" next to your location or remove the whole field



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- Consider adding links to your personal website, blog, github or linkedin account, only if they
 are relevant and relative, put you in a good light, and do not go to dead pages
- Adding social profiles such as behance or twitter is good way to show your projects or recent activity on certain topics



Summary

SUMMARY

When I was 21, I climbed Mount Everest. Not metaphorically — I literally climbed the highest mountain on Earth.

Now, I put that perseverance to work as a senior account manager for Scrabio. I don't have to climb any mountains... but I do have to move them.

- The summary statement serves as an introduction to the reader that seeks to answer the
 question "Tell me about yourself" in just a few lines of text
- What critical problems are you well positioned to solve?
- What issues, topics, or areas are you most passionate about?



Experience

Type and Content of Experience



Management Experience

Managing Partner



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New York, NY

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Team Achievements

- Introduced cross-selling and category-penetration techniques that yield a 20% jump in sales and a 30% increase in profits
- Attracted 22K+ users half of which based in US, out of which 220+ have paid for our premium services
- Managed to build a team of 14 people, 5 of whom full-time and 9 part-time with a burn rate less than €6K/mth
- Raised €100K from "Range Capital"

- Experience can be paid or unpaid, an internship or a class project, volunteering positions, or positions held in clubs, etc.
- If the predominant experience you have is in Software Development or Sales, then it's a good idea to rename the whole section to Software Development Experience or Sales Experience
- Start with most relevant one and if you have a couple of additional positions in other job sector, group them into other category



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Position, Company / Organization Name and Description

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- Write accurate title of your position describing your role and daily duties.
- Type the full name of the company or organization – if there it is an abbreviation, write the full name next to it
- If the company is not well-known, add a one or two sentence description of it. You can take it from the company's website



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- Responsibilities don't bring any valuable information about you – the recruiter can guess that from the job description
- Provide the outcomes of your involvement
- Quantify your results to convey the scope and significance of your work
- Mention if you had some specific role, whether you worked in a team, etc.
- Craft concise statements not full sentences and use active verbs
- Always use past tense and keep your bullets in one format



Most Proud of (Your Biggest Achievements)

Most Proud of



The 6 startups I mentored

in the past year, all currently operating, 4 of which managed to raise VC funding



Kept on going after 4 failed start-ups

Having worked on 4 start-ups before taught me a lot and gave me the experience needed to overcome many of my current challenges

- This is the most important section of your résumé as it reviews most of your experience, personality and passions
- Think in terms of personal accomplishments that you are proud of. Back them up with concrete facts, numbers, and figures
- What do you consider as your greatest life accomplishment so far? Why?
- This is also the hardest section of your résumé, so don't give up easily on it! You can also ask your friends for help.



Education

Major and Degree



Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

B.A. of Geology & Earth Science



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First English Language School

2002 - 2006

9 Sofia, Bulgaria



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- Write the full name of your major, starting with the degree, or the main subject. Also, use your university's full name
- Haven't earned the degree yet? Mention it anyway!
- Unless you have a significant and relevant work experience outside of university or a couple of solid semester-long internships, then your "Education" section should stay at the top of your resume



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Time Period, GPA & Accomplishments

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- In technical fields, employers tend to give a high importance to GPA. If you have a high one, definitely include it.
- You can also write a bit about your personal achievements at that university/school



Courses & Certificates

COURSES

Successful Negotiation: Essential Strategies and Skills

Enhance Your Career and Employability Skills

CERTIFICATES

Adobe photoshop and Adobe illustrator Basic Level

SoftUni Sofia

- Include courses that are relevant to your objective to the job requirements and the employer wouldn't otherwise know you've taken them
- If you have a certification or licensure (i.e., teaching certification, Engineer in Training, fitness certification, CPR, First Aid, scuba diving, etc.) include a "Certifications" or "Licensure" heading and give this information.



Technologies / Tech Skills



- You shouldn't include every service you're on, just the ones that best reflect your professional persona
- When assessing your technical skills do not overestimate yourself - rate yourself from 1 (beginner) to 10 (a guru master)
- If not mentioned in the job description, think of which are the most important skills for that position and include them



Strengths

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Sales

Negotiated in total €210K in financial and material resources from 10+ different organizations

Growth Hacking

Lead the foundations of Enhancy growth team, which got us featured in 50+ international media channels, including Business Insider and Yahoo Finance

Talent Acquisition

Attracted 3 gold medalists from the most prestigious IT competitions in the country and 3 founders of venture-backed start-ups

- Don't sell yourself short by just throwing in flat, overused words to describe your talent - use your own words to describe what you are best at.
- More questions: Think of a time when you were successful in a project/job. What skills did you use to achieve this? What do you think others could learn from you?
- If it's really hard to extract your own strengths, ask ten friends to tell you 3 things that you are really good at and why they think so



Languages

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English Proficient
German Intermediate
French Basic
Bulgarian Native

- Include your mother tongue, the languages you have basic understanding of, and the ones you can speak and write fluently
- Be cautious and do not overstate your abilities on your resume or job application. During the hiring or interviewing process, you might be evaluated on your language proficiency



Projects & Activities

Projects

Period: 11/2013 - 12/2013

Forum for Volunteering DobroForum

My team and I organized a forum where 14 volunteering organizations presented their work and mission. The aim of the event was to share information and enhance co-operation and support between the organizations. Together, they explored key practice and researched salient contemporary issues in social entrepreneurship, focusing on organizational learning.

- Got in touch with the 14 organizations and helped them create their presentations;
- Improved understanding of social entrepreneurship and organizational behaviour;
 Event management skills; Gained significant insight into volunteering organizations;
- The event was covered by two national TV channels and 4 national newspapers.
- · 8 partnerships between the organizations were started at the forum.

- Projects are typically school/university, software, hackathon, freelance or even startup activities – they say much about you
- Include as many numbers as possible in this section to illustrate the impact you had or the results you contributed to



Volunteer & Memberships

VOLUNTEER

Medic

Red Cross International

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Monitoring and analyzing corporate processes, expenses and HR's activities in order to optimize their services and ensure sales force efficiency and stuff.

Giving blood as A+

Bulgarian Health Institute

前 02 / 2003

- List specific skill-building volunteer activities on your résumé.
- For example: managing the budget of a sizable charity or recruiting and training a team, this is attractive to employers because this experience is applicable to many "business" situations
- Volunteering shows initiative and a good use of your time off (especially if you are a student)



Passions & Life Philosophy & Quotes

Passionate about



Helping bright people realize their full potential



Rebuilding the Educational System



Raising the living standards in Bulgaria

Life Philosophy

"Impossible is nothing"

- Try to include relevant interests or activities to reflect initiative, discipline, hard work, and skills, which are valuable characteristics to your future employer.
- If you have interests, activities or hobbies that are very important to you and that make a statement about who you are, do include them on your résumé
- Mentioning quotes on your résumé could speak more about your personality, but keep in mind that it doesn't prove anything

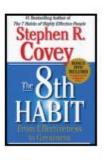


Favourite Piece of Arts

Favourite Books







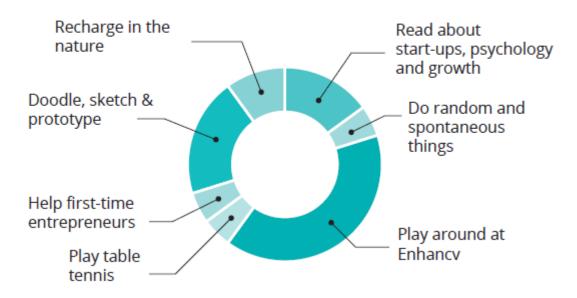
Favourite piece of music



Arts speak about you more than you can imagine – it shows creativity, passion and sense
of belonging

And much more of your true-self ©

A Day of my Life



My Secret Sauce



Curiosity

which I believe is the main reason why I communicate easily with all kinds of people and learn new things not only effortlessly but also with pleasure



Optimism

which people say is one of my greatest advantages. I believe it's the main reason why I dream so big - just everything looks so easy and realistic to me. And... It's pretty useful in moments when the shit hits the fan:)



Imagination

that allows me to ignite others about my ideas and help them contribute to enriching and realizing them together - as our joint ideas



That's almost everything about your résumé, but:

- Don't try to put yourself in sections that you don't fit into be creative and add a new one
- You can name your resume according to the company you are applying for e.g. Valentina Milanova Microsoft Resume
- Find the recruiter's mail and send the résumé directly to him (or an insider who can recommend you)

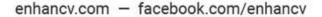
You can find it from LinkedIn or Raportative

- If you're not sure of anything or just want an advice do not hesitate to ask (or e-mail us)
- Smile, you've done a great job ©











Rules of a perfect Cover Letter

- Describe what problem could you solve for the company
- Nina from Airbnb (Business Insider)
- Why this company? Why should they choose you?
- Why would you be the best fit for the role?
- Don't write exactly the same things you wrote in your résumé
- Rather show more of your personality, curiosity and interest in the field you want to work in
- Keep it short
 - 2-3 paragraphs will be enough. Skip lengthy expositions and jump straight to the "juicy stuff"
- Always change it
- Different for each company you are applying for
- DO NOT use the following phrase
- "My name is ____, and I'm applying for the positions of ____." They already know this, you will sound inexperienced.

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Thanks! (Any Questions?)





